



My Ref: FOI 5646
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

This request relates to the reference in the Public Document Pack for the 18 February 2026 Cabinet meeting. The request is in relation to the following section "As of January 2026, 136 children are awaiting a special school placement, and there are 68 pupils enrolled in AP settings, with 216 students receiving support through tutoring arrangements due to a lack of local provision." I request information regarding the policy framework, commissioning arrangements, and financial costs associated with that tutoring provision as at January 2026. Please provide:

1/ the policy, criteria, framework, or decision-making process used to determine how many hours of tutoring are allocated to each pupil.

For Section 19 duties this will depend on the needs of each individual pupil. For Sixth Day Provision, all pupils receive 10 hours per week.

2/ the names of organisations (companies, charities, or other external providers) contracted to deliver tutoring as at January 2026.

The following providers are currently used to provide one to one tutoring under Section 19 duties and Sixth Day provision: Prospero

3/ the total contract value for each tutoring provider, including the contract start and end dates. Where tutoring forms part of a wider contract, please provide the identifiable portion attributable to tutoring, if separately recorded.

Funding agreements are issued on an individual basis depending on the needs of the child.

4/ The total cost incurred in providing tutoring - and the number of pupils tutored - for: (a) January 2026; and (b) the last financial year. Please clarify what cost elements are included (e.g. commissioned services, staffing, overheads).

- a) The total cost for tuition as of 19th March 2026 is £2,645,419 – this relates to 262 pupils

- b) The total tuition cost for the 2024/25 financial year was £1,327,286 – this relates to 178 pupils

The costs relate to the delivery of the one-to-one tuition.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

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Barnsley
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Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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